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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. Canceled

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The ultrasonic probe according to claim 1,~~ An ultrasonic probe, comprising:
an ultrasonic element unit for transmitting and receiving an ultrasonic wave while carrying out ultrasonic scanning;
a storage portion for storing the ultrasonic element unit;
an acoustic medium liquid charged in the storage portion; and
~~further comprising~~ pressurizing means for pressurizing the acoustic medium liquid so as to form a positive pressure in the storage portion,
wherein the ultrasonic element unit includes a rotating mechanism portion stored in the storage portion, the rotating mechanism portion being a spontaneous rotation type motor whose rotation is induced magnetically and being supported by an elastic supporting member, and
the storage portion is sealed by the supporting member in a liquid-tight state.

4. (Original) The ultrasonic probe according to claim 3, wherein the pressurizing means is a syringe pump including a cylinder connected with the storage portion so as to allow the acoustic medium liquid to flow between the cylinder and the storage portion, and a piston arranged in the cylinder.

5. (Original) The ultrasonic probe according to claim 4, wherein the cylinder is sealed by the piston in a liquid-tight state.

6-8. Canceled